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HOSPITAL GIFT . . . A sketch of the proposed new Torrance Memorial Hospital forms the background as administrator Leonard Ensminger offers his back as a desk for Mrs. James Kimball, president of the hospital's auxiliary, signs the group's pledge of \$100,000 to start off the drive for the necessary \$3 million. Looking on are Mrs. Boris S. Woolley (seated), president of the hospital's board of directors and Mrs. John J. Rice, president-elect of the auxiliary. (Press-Herald Photo)

For New Hospital

Auxiliary's Pledge Opens Fund Drive

Official opening of a campaign to raise \$3 million for new hospital facilities in the community is being hailed at week's end with a pledge of \$100,000 unanimously voted by members of the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Funds are earmarked for the new \$7.2 million Torrance Memorial Hospital. The auxiliary's pledge is the first to be received by the hospital's board of directors since the campaign was launched a week ago.

FUNDS RAISED during the campaign will be used to augment the \$3.2 million state and federal grants allocated for construction costs of the new facility.

Mrs. James E. Kimble, auxiliary president signed the pledge card for the group and presented it to Mrs. Boris Woolley, board of directors president.

"This is a great vote of confidence in our building project coming from a group so

closely associated with and important to the hospital," Mrs. Woolley said.

AUXILIARY membership is 134 with 83 members holding active status. Leonard A. Ensminger, hospital administrator, said the auxiliary's pledge to the hospital is the largest ever made in California by a group of comparable size. He praised the group for taking quick action and setting a pace for the entire campaign.

Action on the pledge was taken after a motion from the floor was presented by Mrs. Howard D. Fields, a past president.

Funds to meet the auxiliary pledge will be raised by managing the new hospital's gift shop, baby photos, bookmobile, and proceeds from "Fractured Follies" a show scheduled for production next October. There is no time limit for paying the pledge.

"THE NEW hospital will be

a dream come true, something we've hoped for and worked towards for many years. Being part of a project of this magnitude is an exciting prospect," Mrs. Kimble said.

"Torrance Memorial Hospital was fortunate to be one of 10 California recipients of Hill-Harris funds. I hope the entire community will support this project to bring to Torrance the most up-to-date hospital in Southern California," she said.

Mrs. John J. Rice, auxiliary president-elect said that she will launch a membership drive to strengthen the group.

"Our community is expanding rapidly and the need for additional hospital beds will soon be acute. It's good to know Torrance Memorial Hospital is moving forward to meet this need," she said.

The new 250 bed hospital will be located on a 10 acre parcel adjacent to a 25 acre medical complex at Hawthorne and Lomita Boule-

Fleeing Suspect Shot By Off-Duty Policeman

Area Man Hurt in Vietnam

The son of a South High teacher has been wounded in action in Vietnam, it was reported here Friday.

Army Pfc. David A. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Alan S. Moore of 1741 Elm Ave., is reported in good condition at a military hospital in Cu Chi, Vietnam. Moore teaches at South High.

He reportedly was injured last March 9 while on a sweep near the Oriental River. Pfc. Moore was hit by a piece of shrapnel when a bomb disposal unit set off a Viet Cong booby trap.

The shrapnel hit young Moore in the right arm. Pfc. Moore is a 1964 graduate of Torrance High School and attended El Camino. He entered the Army in August, 1966, and is now assigned to the 27th Infantry Division.

End Urged To City's Travel Ban

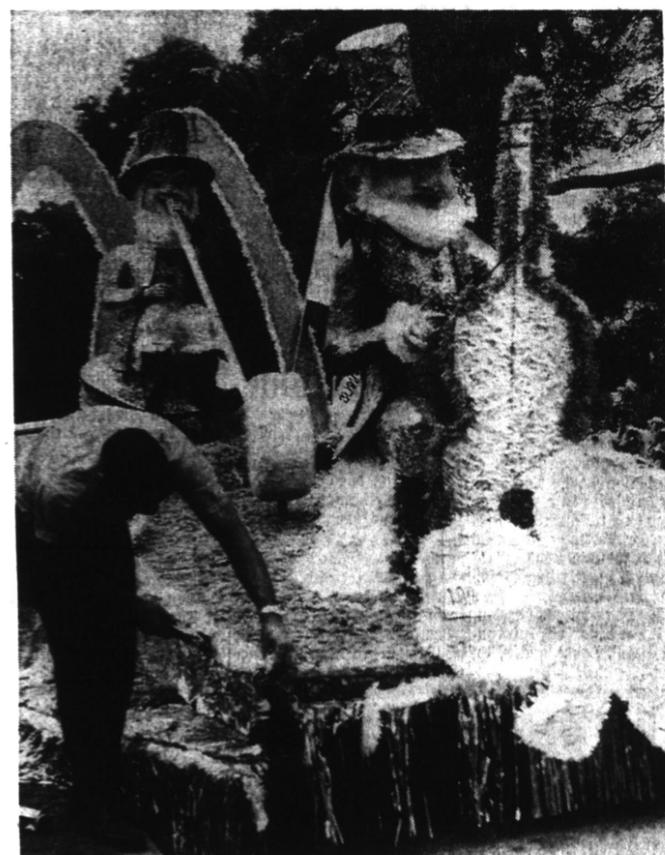
Torrance councilmen will be asked Tuesday to reconsider their ban on travel by city employees.

The travel ban, which halted trips by city officials and the council, was enacted Feb. 7 as an economy measure. In a letter to the council, Larry Bowman, chairman of the city's Civil Service Commission, has asked that the ban be reconsidered.

Specifically, Bowman has asked for permission for two members of the commission and the city's personnel director to attend the Western Regional Conference of the Public Personnel Association, scheduled April 30 through May 3 in San Francisco.

Bowman said the Civil Service Commission has asked for reconsideration of the travel ban because it "will be a hardship on the city."

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SALUTE IRISH . . . A workman adds finishing touches to one of the colorful floats just before yesterday's St. Patrick's Day Parade here. Several thousand people watched the parade, which included some 140 units. Sponsored by the Irish Club of Torrance, the parade is the first in this city in honor of Ireland's patron saint. (Press-Herald Photo)

Two 18-Year-Olds Nabbed For School Safe Burglary

Torrance police have arrested two 18-year-old boys on suspicion of burglary following the theft of more than \$1,600 from two Torrance area safes.

Police said the arrests were made about 3 p.m. Friday during an investigation of burglaries at North High School and at the American Acceptance Corp.

Booked at the Torrance City Jail were Everett Theodore Vogus Jr., 18, of 3224 W. 187th St., and Ralph James Hills, 18, of 15001 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena. They were arrested near North High School, it was reported.

Police said both burglaries occurred Thursday evening or early Friday. In both instances, officers reported, the safe had been pried open.

A total of six cash boxes, containing some \$1,320 in cash, were taken from the North High safe, located in a counseling office. Some \$300 was taken from the American Acceptance Corp.

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A 15-year-old girl who was struck by a train Wednesday afternoon was reported in an improved condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital Friday.

Kathleen Bambrick, of 2317 Torrance Blvd., was struck by a train at Madrid Avenue and Torrance Boulevard about 3:30 p.m. She is a student at Bishop Montgomery High School.

Witnesses told police the girl had just alighted from a school bus and crossed Torrance Boulevard when she was struck by the train. The train was moving about 20 miles per hour, it was reported.

Trainmen apparently were unaware of the accident, police reported. The train did not stop.

Miss Bambrick was taken to Little Company of Mary (See TRAFFIC, Page A-2)

Screams Attract Officer

A 19-year-old Torrance youth was shot early Friday by an off-duty policeman responding to a neighbor's screams for help.

Bobbie Frederickson, 19, of 703 Sartori Ave., Apt. C, was moved from Harbor General Hospital to the prison ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital yesterday. He is reported in good condition.

FREDERICKSON was shot once by Ron Bryning, a Torrance police officer, about 3 a.m. Friday. Police gave this account: Mrs. Sara Beth Mitchell, 31, of 718 Amapola, Apt. 9, was awakened about 3 a.m. Friday by the sound of a screen being cut. She got out of bed and went into her living room, where she saw a man climbing through a window.

Mrs. Mitchell screamed for help. Her cries were heard by Bryning, who said he saw the suspect run out the front door of Mrs. Mitchell's apartment. Bryning said he ran after the man yelling at him to stop and warning that he would shoot.

ABOUT A block from Mrs. Mitchell's apartment, Bryning fired at the suspect and hit him once in the right shoulder. The man, later identified as Frederickson, was apprehended in front of 811 Amapola St., police said.

Frederickson will be charged with suspicion of burglary and suspicion of assault with intent to commit rape when he recovers, police reported.

Jewelry Taken
Theft of jewelry and camera equipment worth some \$800 was reported to Torrance police early yesterday by Phillip B. Grote of 3950 W. 226th St. Police said the thief apparently entered the apartment by cutting through a screen and opening a window.

IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Senate Push For Press Freedom Stalls

By EDWIN S. CAPPS
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — The big push for extension of "freedom of information" legislation at this session of the legislature has been slowed to a standstill but the principal author still thinks there's a chance for progress.

The senate governmental efficiency committee, with a busy day on such subjects as the Rumford Housing Act, took no action on two bills by Senator Tom Carrell, D-San Fernando. The bills would have extended provisions of the Brown Act, which require open meetings of local agencies, to state agencies.

in which a quorum of the body make up the subcommittee.

The Carrell bill would have required open meetings for subcommittees of two or more members.

Following brief testimony on the bills, supported by the California News paper Publishers Association, no motion was forthcoming and the bills were held in committee. Ironically, until this session of the legislature, the chairman of the GE committee was the only publisher in the legislature, former Senator Luther E. Gibson, D-Vallejo.

Richard Carpenter, general manager of the League of California Cities, was in opposition to the bills, as he has been before. He termed them unnecessary.

Meanwhile, in the assembly, Assemblyman William T. Bagley, R-San Rafael, has two bills which are identical to the Carrell bills. Both have won the approval of the full

assembly.

The Bagley bills will be sent to the GE committee which dealt with the Carrell bills. Bagley has a problem, he admits, but he's an optimist and has hopes. Bagley's optimism has some foundation as it was only a few years ago he had an "impossible" bill to extend daylight saving time a month longer in the fall.

DST bills always had invoked the wrath of the senate, silent or otherwise, but Bagley managed to get the measure through the GE committee. It appeared on the ballot and, as is well known, DST now extends to the last Sunday in October, rather than September.

Bagley didn't get off Scot-free in moving his bills through the assembly. He had to promise to consider some amendments when the bills were up before the senate.

There's a problem with the bills, other than the built-in

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Teachers Elect Officers

Dedication of the new Superior Court building on the Torrance Civic Center, scheduled for April 21, has been delayed until July 28, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has informed the Press-Herald. Delays are being caused by construction difficulties, Hahn said. The Los Angeles Daily Journal, a newspaper circulated among attorneys, reported the postponement Thursday. The Journal said the delay was caused by a strike of elevator company employes.

Trustees Plan Meeting

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow for their regular meeting. Principle item on the agenda is the question of attendance boundaries for the new Grace Wright Elementary School. Trustees will meet at the school district administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Courtyard Fete Delayed

Keith Weideman, a teacher at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School, has been elected president of the Torrance Education Association (TEA). Weideman will succeed Darold Kusch as president of the group, which represents about 90 per cent of the teachers in the Torrance schools. Other officers are Darrel Nelms, vice president; Carol Prentice, secretary; and Dave McDonnell, treasurer. Representatives to the California Teachers Association are Bill Bowden, Jim Davidson, Jack Knapp, Gerald Mays, and Judi Saben. Officers will be installed May 25.